



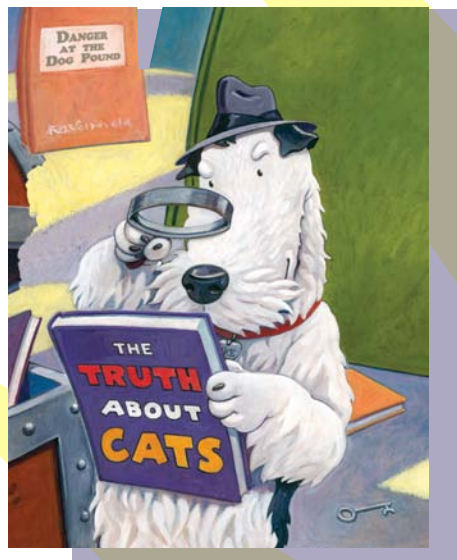
The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org and clicking on "News & Events."

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GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY--SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS HERE

Mystery reigns at San Diego Public Libraries as The Summer Reading Program kicks into high gear. The program, which runs from June 15 through August 15, will be available at all City libraries and will include many free special events, such as storytelling, arts and crafts projects and other fun activities. Summer is a great time to pick up a book and continue improving reading skills.



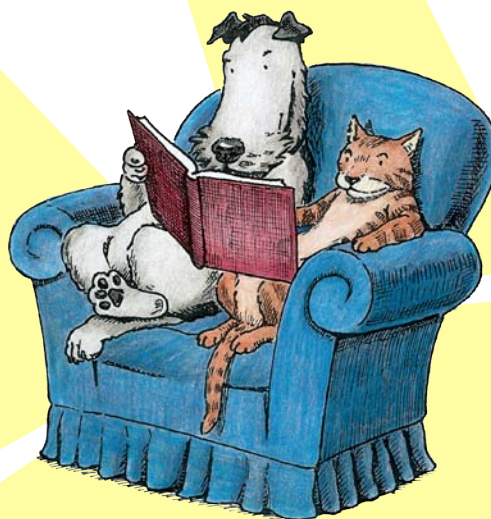
"With so many students on vacation from school, reading books is an especially important activity during the summer," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "All San Diego children and teens are invited to take part in the Summer Reading Program and discover all the great resources of the San Diego Public Library."

For children age 3-12, the theme of the program is "Get A Clue @ Your Library." The program's theme for teens, grade 7 – 12, is "YNK (You Never Know) @ Your Library." Each participant will be given a reading log for recording titles he or she has read. Prizes will be awarded to participants who read 10 or more books (10 or more hours for teen readers).

The Library began its annual Summer Reading Program in 1924. The goals of the program are to keep children and teens reading, learning, improving their reading skills and stretching their imaginations during the summer. Reading improves literacy and helps students do better in school. Last year, 20,455 children and 2,771 teens enrolled in the program, which is free for all and open to anyone 18 and younger.

For more details about the program, fun activities and how to sign up, contact or visit your local library. More information is also available on the Library's website at:

www.sandiegolibrary.org



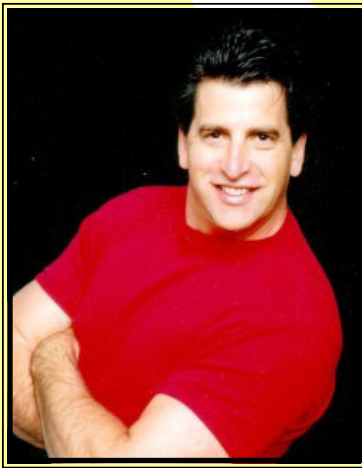
The Summer Reading Program is sponsored in part by: Target, Qualcomm, Friends of the San Diego Public Library and The San Diego Zoo.

Magician Craig Stone to Entertain Children at Libraries in June

Craig Stone has been studying the art of magic since the age of 12 and has been entertaining professionally for nearly two decades. His diverse performing background ranges from his outdoor theater show performed for hundreds of thousands, to cruise ships and various television appearances. For more information, visit his website at:

<http://craig.stone.org/>

Craig has been entertaining San Diego children during The Summer Reading Program for many years. His dynamic program is appropriate for all ages.



Craig Stone

Friday, June 15 at 3 p.m.

Mira Mesa Branch Library
8405 New Salem St, 858-538-8165

Thursday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Clairemont Branch Library
2920 Burgener Blvd, 858-581-9935

Saturday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m.

North Clairemont Branch Library
4616 Clairemont Dr, 858-581-9931

Tuesday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Balboa Branch Library
4255 Mt. Abernathy Ave, 858-573-1390

Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Rd, 858-538-8159

READING TO BABIES

Barbara Weston Ramirez, Bilingual English/Spanish Reading Specialist and co-author of *Baby Read-Aloud Basics* and *Literacy Centers for the Primary Classroom*, will host a PowerPoint and video presentation about the importance of reading to babies at the Benjamin Branch Library. Parents will receive a handout: *Selecting the Right Baby Read-Aloud Material: a Before-You-Buy Checklist*.

Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Benjamin Branch Library
5188 Zion Ave, 619-533-3970



BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME

The Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library is now offering a free Baby/Toddler Story Time for children age 0-2 every Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning June 7. The Youth Services Librarian will lead parents and children in songs and fingerplays, and entertain with puppets and books. This program teaches early literacy strategies that parents can use at home.

The third Thursday of each month will feature a special Baby Sign Language Storytime led by Monta Briant, author of *Baby Sign Language Basics* and *Sign, Sing, and Play*. She holds workshops and storytimes around San Diego. Visit her website at:

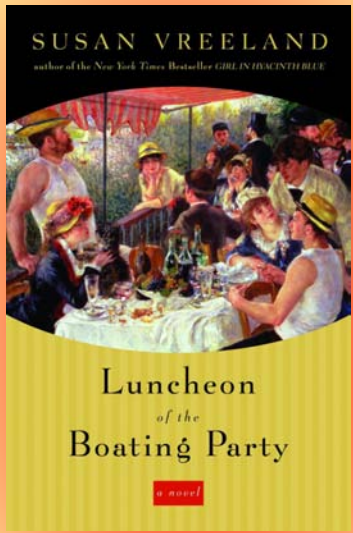
www.babysignlanguage.net

There is no need to pre-register, and older children may attend with their younger siblings.

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Rd, 858-538-8159

Luncheon of the Boating Party



**Who are the people in this painting?
Wouldn't it be a pleasure to join them?**

Luncheon of the Boating Party, the novel and the painting, depicts the summer of 1880, an exuberant post-war time when social constraints were loosening, Paris was healing and Parisians were bursting with a desire for pleasure. Susan Vreeland's latest novel takes us behind the scenes at the Folies Bergère, to artists' studios, cafés, cabarets, salons and regattas, while reflecting on tumultuous changes as Paris careens toward modernity. Coinciding with the impending and agonizing breakup of the Impressionist group, Renoir faces his own double crisis in art and love.

Susan Vreeland will read from her recently released novel and sign books, which will be available for sale. Period music and slides will compliment the program.

Saturday, June 30 at 2 p.m.

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium.
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800



Susan Vreeland

Internationally renowned, best-selling author Susan Vreeland is known for historical fiction on art-related themes. Her novels have been translated into 25 languages

MOONPIES AND MOVIE STARS

A reading and talk in an intimate setting

The City of San Diego Public Library and San Diego Writers, Ink will host a book reading and talk by author Amy Wallen, who will share some of her thoughts on the writer's craft and read from her recently released novel, *Moonpies and Movie Stars*.

Ruby Kincaid has her hands full these days.

In addition to taking over the bowling alley after the death of her husband, Rascal, she has had the daunting task of caring for her two boisterous grandchildren, since her daughter Violet disappeared without a trace four years earlier. It's 1976 and Ruby and her nearest and dearest in Devine, Texas, are watching their favorite soap opera when they see Violet in a Buttermaid commercial on TV. Thinking it will only take a little motherly guilt to rein in her wayward daughter, Ruby loads up the Winnebago and heads for Hollywood to bring Violet back to the Lone Star State. Ms. Wallen's big-hearted confection "rounds itself out with a bitter-sweet zinger of a conclusion."



Amy Wallen



Monday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, Third Floor, Wangenheim Room
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800
Books available for sale and signing
Courtesy of Wahrenbrock's Book House

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's website at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



The World's **Biggest Book!!!**



According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the largest book in the world is *Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Himalayan Kingdom*. The book is five feet tall, opens to nearly seven feet wide and weighs more than 130 pounds. Each copy consumes almost two gallons of ink and takes 24 hours of printing time. A copy of this book will be on display at the La Jolla/ Riford Branch Library during the month of June 2007 during library open hours.

7555 Draper Avenue, 858-552-1657

Free Travel Writing Workshop



Karen Kenyon

Join author Karen Kenyon for a one-hour workshop about how to turn your travels into stories. Learn to create travel articles and essays for publication, or engaging tales to share with family and friends. Receive information on: lead paragraphs, ingredients of articles, types of travel articles and stories, contacting publication editors and photos.

Karen Kenyon, MA, is the author of a memoir, *Sunshower*, a biography, *The Brontes/Passionate Literary Geniuses*, and her travel articles have been published in *British Heritage*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Saturday, June 16th from 11 am – Noon
Central Library, Second Floor Meeting Room
820 E Street, Downtown

Reservations are Required

Call 619-236-5816

Bring your own paper and pen or pencil.

Book Discussion: They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky

According to an African proverb, "When two elephants fight, it is the grass that gets trampled." Nothing validates this truth more than the experience of the Lost Boys of Sudan and the thousands of youths who fled their villages during the ongoing Sudanese civil war.



Benson, Alephonsion and Benjamin

This book, written by Benson Deng, Alephonsion Deng and Benjamin Ajak with guidance from Judy A. Bernstein, San Diego Rescue Committee volunteer mentor, is the true story of three lost boys who survived a 1,000 mile trek across Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya to escape the violence and massacres of the Sudanese Civil War. These little boys, ranging in age from five to seven, are now grown men living in San Diego, thanks to their own valor and the work of the International Rescue Committee. Their story has much in common with the tragedy unfolding in Darfur.

Join Benson Deng and Judy Bernstein in a discussion of this important book.

Saturday, June 30 at 1:00 p.m.

University Community Branch Library
4155 Governor Dr, 858-552-1655

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

PETER RUTMAN BLUES AND JAZZ BAND

The Peter Rutman Blues & Jazz Band, featuring Peter Rutman on piano, Dan Coulson on bass, and Jim Buckley on drums, will perform at Central Library on June 24. "We've been working hard toward this date, and look forward to giving you our finest," says Peter whose band has played in Canada, New Zealand, Central America, Europe, Hawaii and across the continental United States. "As a trio, there will be over 100 years of musical experience to entertain you." The group opened the Main Street Stage in May 2007 at the North Park Spring Arts Festival.

Sunday, June 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800



Free Parking For Library Patrons

When:

Saturdays - 9:30AM - 5:30PM

Sundays - 1:00PM - 5 PM

Where:

5 Star Parking lot, adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue. Enter the lot from Eighth Avenue. The Library thanks **5 Star Parking** for making this free parking available.

Additionally, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays and after 6 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

American Songbook: A Flute Recital

Flutist Kathryn Croom Peisert, accompanied by pianist Dana Burnett, will play works by Gershwin, Barber, Burton, Clarke, Casella and Perillhou in a recital at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, June 16.



Kathryn Croom Peisert

Ms. Peisert, principal flutist of the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra, has played flute, alto flute and piccolo with the symphony for the past four concert seasons. She also has experience with the New England Philharmonic, Boston Civic Symphony, and the Boston University Symphony and Chamber Orchestra. She received a B.A. in music from UCLA, a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance from Boston University and has studied with numerous notable flutists, including Grammy-nominated jazz flutist Lori Bell.

In the summer of 2004, Kathryn spent two weeks in Prague, Czech Republic, performing with the chamber music workshop Ameropa, and studied there with solo flutist, composer, and teacher Robert Stallman. Throughout her career she has performed in various chamber music concerts and flute recitals. She teaches private flute and piano lessons.

Kathryn has received a number of awards and scholarships; most recently she was awarded first place in the Orchestral Excerpts Division of the San Diego Flute Guild Flute Festival 2004.

Saturday, June 16 at 3 p.m.

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library
7555 Draper Library, 858-552-1657
Free Admission